

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Regular meeting of Board of Fire Engineers held Feb. 24, 2009; meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, James Sousa, Norman Blank, Brian Remy, Robert Miner, Christopher Stanley, Jon Ulmschneider, Anthony Primiano, & Carolyn O'Brien.

Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, with second by J. Ulmschneider, to accept as submitted; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

„« STOP cards distributed.

„« CPR cards distributed.

„« Individual company correspondence distributed.

„« Thank you letter from Swansea Fire Dept. thanking for assistance during funeral read.

„« Board of Engineers & Town Council received anonymous letter; no action taken.

„« i§Berniei'si" offering special sale on March 8th by invitation only. Invitations distributed.

„« Letter received from Brown University EMS requesting some of their students be permitted to do ride-time with Warren rescue. Chief stated it would not be a problem; however, he wants them to ride with officers other than A. Sanderson since she is head of Brown EMS.

Old Business:

„« 2009-2010 Budget ¡V First hearing Sat., Feb. 28th at 11:30 a.m. Chief requested Board members attend for support. Chief stated it¡s important he try to get T. Wazecha full-time.

New Business:

„« Career Day at KMS scheduled for April 7th, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Chief wants Special Hazards, Tower 1, and Engine and Rescue to participate.

„« Treasurer sent memo to all department heads requesting budget cuts from this fiscal year; town faces \$426,000 loss from state funds. Town Council wants each department to make cuts before they have to decide where to cut or it becomes necessary for the Council to take the funds from the town¡s surplus. Chief will send a memo stating one rescue vehicle is out of service needing repairs, and he will leave it out of service for the remainder of the fiscal year if they want him to. Chief said there is apprx. \$17,000 in the apparatus repair account. He will also ask if the Council wants to forego having pump and hose test and PM¡s completed. He will also ask about continuing training schedule due to fuel usage. He reminded everyone to make certain doors are closed and lights are shut off when leaving stations. J. Sousa said he will look into have pump tests completed around the end of June; he thinks he can possible get a lower rate.

„« Chief stated question was raised about whether Board members need to report to the Ethics board. They do not, since they are

appointed by the Fire Chief instead of the town.

„« Chief informed Board Tony DeSisto has been appointed Town Solicitor.

Station Reports:

„« Station 6 still up in the air.

„« New trucks ordered for Sta. 5 & 6. Chief went to PA with J. Healey for a pre-construction conference on these.

„« Sta. 5 ¡V New keypad installed & overhead doors repaired.

„« Sta. 3 ¡V Still working on new generator. N. Blank looking into a 10 KW heavy duty, natural gas one. Sta. 3 is emergency evacuation site and will need heavy duty one. Chief put in for it as a capital item.

Training:

„« FF I postponed until Sept. due to budget constraints. Eight of 11 failed FF II; 5 passed with minimum grade. Chief said those who failed will have 30 days to retake test after meeting with Chief. Fire Academy threatening to put Chief and B. McKenna (instructor coordinator) on notice. Chief wants members made aware of poor results; and if it ever happens again, FF I & II will no longer be offer through us.

„« Mayday drill date TBD.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, with second by R. Miner, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.